

# *City of Green River*

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015

**ATTENDING:** Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Bryan Meadows; Citizens Tyson Giles, David A. Skidmore, Katie Anderson, Bryan Brooks, Dan Richards, Travis Bacon, Kim McFarlane, Sandi Silliman, Chris Lezama, David Hartman from Armstrong Consultants

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Gary Riches.

1. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **MOTION:** Penney Riches moved to approve the consent agenda with the suggested amendments to the minutes. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

- Minutes for April 21, 2015 special meeting
- Minutes for May 12, 2015 regular meeting
- Minutes for May 19, 2015 special meeting
- May 2015 Recorder's financial report
- June 2015 Treasurer's report
- July 2015 Payment Approval report.

2. Information and discussion on the Green River Airport from Armstrong Engineering. David Hartman from Armstrong Consultants reported that the FAA designates grant funding every year to the City of Green River Airport. The City can choose not to spend that money and save it for a larger project. The last project the City did was improvements to the runway lighting and the next planned project is improvements to the fuel system in 2016. The plan is to move the existing fuel system and fix the throat of the main taxiway. Having fuel or not having fuel is how an airport lives or dies. Once you go a few years without fuel the airport dies. With a fuel system are the fuel and tank testing requirements and maintenance. It is very rare that the FAA will fund a fuel system and this will be the first fuel system funded by the FAA out of the Denver office ever. They prioritize the different projects and if they generate revenue then it is at the bottom of the list. They will do almost anything else before they get to the bottom of the list where a fuel system would be. Because the fuel system at the Green River airport is in the way of the main taxiway they are taking another look at this project. Penney Riches asked if a credit card reader fuel system can be installed. David Hartman said the plan is to put in a credit card reader with concrete barriers so you can't run into them to help cut back on maintenance. He said the next step is to put together a scope of work and a predesign call which would include the City, FAA, State Aeronautics and Armstrong Consultants to talk the high points such as what is and is not going to be included, a schedule for design, bidding and construction. After that there will be the FAA grant application where we map out the budget. Armstrong will work through the design and then bid out the project that is when the FAA writes up the grant because the total budget is right down to the penny. David Hartman said if there are any questions that may come up to give Armstrong a call. They do not charge by the hour and if the airport is doing well it reflects onto them. Mayor Brady thanked David Hartman for the work they have done. David Hartman said he noticed that the windsock is down. Conae Black said there have been two phone calls from Redtail Aviation regarding the windsock not being up. She stated that Redtail Aviation have offered to have one of their pilots stay out at the airport now that Conductive Composites is gone.

They are even willing to do some light maintenance such as mowing down the weeds along the runway. It is only seasonal but it would be nice to have a set of eyes out there. David Hartman said that is a typical set up for the smaller rural airports. Redtail may even be interested in selling the fuel in fact they may be the one who will be purchasing most of the fuel. It won't be like throwing on a switch. Once the fuel comes back online it takes a while to get the word out. Penney Riches said it would be nice to get a rental car out there too. Mayor Brady said he goes out to the airport monthly to check on the fuel system. David Skidmore asked David Hartman if a C130 aircraft could land at the Green River airport. David Hartman did not think the airport runway was strong enough to handle that heavy of an aircraft.

3. Discuss/approve/deny uses for RAP Tax. Mayor Brady said RAP stands for Recreation, Arts and Parks. It is an imposition of a 0.1% sales and use tax. A lot of towns have already imposed this tax when you make a purchase there. If you spend \$1,000.00 the RAP tax on that would be \$ 1.00. Based upon the history of the sales that Green River has collected we would be getting about \$25,000 a year from RAP taxes if imposed. This needs to go onto the ballot for the registered voters to vote upon. Emery County has already given us permission to proceed with this. The City needs to come up with an opinion brochure that shows both sides of imposing this tax. He used Washington County as an example who put on their ballot "Should Washington County Impose a one tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%) sales and use tax for the purpose of funding recreational and cultural facilities and organizations such as the following." This is where you list what you would do with money which is the discussion the Council needs to have tonight. The City needs to show both the pros and cons of imposing this tax.

There was some discussion on what the best use of the money could be for. It included trails, enhancement of the parks, a skate park and arts and cultural programs at the museum. **MOTION:** Kathy Brady made a motion to move forward on the RAP tax. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny hiring new hire for Public Works Crew. Mayor Brady said there were nine applicants interviewed for this position. They chose to ask Tracy Johnson to fill this position. This will be a full time position with benefits with a wage of \$13.00 an hour. The plan for him to continue being the grounds keeper and help out in other areas as needed. Penney Riches said Bryan Meadows will have a list of items for him to do if he has time. Philip Engleman did not think that would be a good idea. He thought one person should be the grounds keeper and another one should be hired for public works duties. Mayor Brady said Bryan Meadows was not available to discuss this but according to Kent Brewer he thought the public works department was doing just fine with the help they have. Kathy Ryan asked Bryan Meadows what he would like to do. Bryan Meadows said they are behind and possibly they will be able to catch up. There are a couple of projects that he has coming up that will take all four of them to do. Penney Riches asked Bryan Meadows if he thought Tracy Johnson could rearrange his time to help him out with those projects. Bryan Meadows said these projects will only last for three days and he could pull Tracy Johnson a day here and a day there. With Chet Hunt back to work it is helping and they are sort of starting to get caught up on things. He knows that new street signs have been ordered and being shorthanded he doesn't know when they will get put up. Kathy Ryan said these are secondary street signs and she didn't feel it was a huge push to get them up. She would like to get them up so we don't lose track of them. **MOTION:** Penney Riches made a motion to hire Tracy Johnson as the new Public Works Crew member. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Gary Riches voted aye. Philip Engleman voted nay. The motion carried.

5. Discussion on Ordinance Officer. Mayor Brady said during the interviews there were some applicants he felt my apply for this position and he felt there were some that would be good for this position. There was a suggestion that this person would become certified to become the building inspector so that we would have one in this town with the condition that if the city pays for the certification then they will stay and work for the city for two years but if they leave before that two year period then they will pay for the certification. He started a draft of the job description

and asked the City Council to look it over and make suggestions. Kathy Ryan feels it is important to find someone who is not a dictator and go to those people who are not in compliance with the ordinances and ask them what we can do to help you clean this up and be diplomatic enough to not go in there and say this is it you are going to have this done by this time but ask them what a good time frame would be. Make them a part of the solution as opposed to just telling them what they need to do. Gary Riches said there are some people in this community who will not buy into this. Kathy Ryan said maybe, it will depend on the person. She was able to get permission from Frank Vetere to paint and clean up around his property on Broadway. Anything is possible if you can get the right person for the job.

6. Discussion on where to put the Melon Slice. Mayor Brady said let's find a permanent home for the Melon Slice. There was some discussion on the best location and which way to face it. Bryan Meadows said it would be easier to leave the slice at the museum because that parking lot is concrete and he doesn't have to figure out how to anchor the supports for the cover. He asked if everyone was still in favor of putting it in front of the Highway Patrol building. Penney Riches asked Bryan Meadows if he had discussed anything with Tim Glenn. She said if Tim Glenn was alright with keeping it at the museum then she is fine with leaving it there. Mayor Brady asked Bryan Meadows to talk to Tim Glenn about leaving the slice at the museum.

7. Department and employee reports. Gary Riches said Melon Days is just around the corner. Julie Zwahlen and Chris Lezama have been in close contact about the planning of the event. The softball tournament was turned over to Emery County Recreation. The fire department has been quiet. Chris Lezama entered the room and reported on Melon Days. Conae Black said right now there are only three girls interested in participating in the Queen Pageant and she needs at least six before she will hold one. There was some discussion on other scholarship possibilities. Gary Riches said he has not had any calls lately on dogs. Kathy Ryan said there were a group of aggressive small dogs at the park on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Conae Black said Green River city does not have an ordinance that states you cannot have a dog at the park. There was more discussion on dogs at the park. Philip Engleman will be going to Las Vegas to pick up the new fire truck when it is ready. The Fire District wants to know if the city would like to purchase the old truck for \$3,000. Penney Riches reported on the programs at the museum. She asked those present to tell her or Chris Lezama of event ideas. Chet Hunt has been mowing weeds and they are looking better. Mayor Brady said Johansen and Tuttle Engineering completed a survey of the property donated by Herbert Steiner of Monument Hill. Penney Riches said there is another grant available for the Tuscher trails. Kathy Ryan said the street signs have been ordered and should be coming soon. The beautification benches are up. There will be another cleanup day. They haven't decided on the date or location yet. Michael Silliman reported that the shrubs next to the monument at the park have been trimmed back. The baseball fields are looking good. Overall the parks are looking better than they have for a long time. There are automatic lights in the restrooms at the park. Mayor Brady said UDOT will supply LED street lights along Main Street. They now need to meet with Rocky Mountain Power about putting these new lights on their poles. He asked the Council to review the contract with Johansen and Tuttle Engineering for engineering services for the West Industrial Park. He also asked them to review the MOU with the State Park for the use of their property on Main Street for trails. He reported on David Skidmore's project of getting a Uranium Mill in the west industrial park. Bryan Meadows felt it would be a good idea for Chet Hunt to have a doctor's release before he came back to work. They have been land applying the excess water at the sewer lagoons. He has resolved the dial out issues at lift station #3. He has repaired the meter at Jamie Richardson's property on Main Street. There have been some repairs at the water treatment plant. They repaired the door on the animal control shed. He repaired the drinking fountain and the park pavilion lights.

8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Pat Brady, Mayor  
Approved: September 8, 2015

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Conae Black, City Recorder